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Church School Begins September 25th!

The regular session of our Sunday Church School will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 25. The Sunday morning worship service will stay at the 9:30 hour through September 18, and will change back to the regular 10:45 hour on the 25th.

The Church School Superintendent, Mrs. Bertha Stickney, has been at work enlisting teachers for the coming year. Not only is there need for a couple of replacements, but it also appears necessary to split some of the existing classes. A number of assisting teachers are needed. There is no need to be bashful. If you would like to work in the church school, give Bertha a ring (before she calls you!)

The emphasis for the year will be better planning and preparation. Many new supplies are now available as a result of the basic purchasing done for the Vacation Church School. It is expected that the church school staff meetings will devote more time to preparation of coming units of work.

The problem of finding classroom space is increasingly difficult. Possibilities of putting not one but two classes in the

ROLL CALL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Roll will be called of every member of the North Salem Methodist Church on Sunday, October 9th. It is expected that every member of the church will either be present, or will have sent a note to be read in response to their name explaining their absence.

This will be a gala occasion, with special music by the choir, and a Coffee Fellowship to follow the service. There will be an opportunity for all of us to reaffirm our loyalty to the church and to get off to a good start for the coming church year.

Summer Reflections

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(cont.) kitchen, three in the sanctuary, or even a class or two in a nearby home are being explored. The prospects for a bigger and better church school this Fall are good.

OFFICIAL BOARD CHANGES NIGHT

The second Tuesday of the month has been set as the regular meeting night for the Official Board and Commissioners. The next meeting will be on September 13.

MR. AND MRS. OLIVE VIEW
CANOBIE LAKE

A mystery ride for the Couples Club ended at Canobie Lake Park the night of August 20th. After riding the bumping banging miniature autos, the whole crew made the grand tour of the miniature golf course. ~~Miss~~ Huseon started off with two holes-in-one! A thunder shower dampened the proceedings, sending the group to various homes for coffee and...

CHOIR HAS PARTY

New members were invited to a get-acquainted party for the choir at the Parsonage on Wednesday evening, August 23. Attending the party and joining the choir to sing were Miss Joan Collins, Mrs. Joanne O'Leary, Miss Cheryl Craddock, and Miss Arlene Ahlman. Welcome Abbeard!

The choir rehearsal will be at the regular time of 7:30 Wednesday evening in the church sanctuary.

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Mr. DeSuzo traveled this past summer in Africa, taking slides and motion pictures. He seems to have a knack of picking the hot spots of the year, and his report promises to be highly informative as well as entertaining. Tickets will be sold at \$1.25, and the support of all persons in the church will be enlisted in ticket sales.

AUCTION SUCCESS!

Thanks to the cooperation of a great many people, the church auction which was held on August 13th was not only a good time but a good money raiser. The total for the auction and snack bar was over \$200.00.

Among the unusual items which were auctioned off were two loads of sand from Russell Collins, a load of cow-manure donated by Ted Hall, a half-hour of water skiing by Billy Ermer, and a trip to Beaton with lunch at Durgin Park by the Halletts. Al Avalon not only chipped in by setting up and operating the snack bar, but also paid \$4.00 for ten gallons of gasoline offered in a mystery envelope! Olive Ermer's banana bread brought premium prices as did a chocolate cake baked by Lois Avalon.

Arthur Clinton of Methuen kept the proceedings lively with his jovial handling of the auctioneering chores. Maurice Arlequesnew and Company helped with the pick-up chores. The Mains helped set up the auction and worked throughout. And many, many others contributed items, time, and came to toss in their bids on the wide variety of goods offered!

Carl DeSuzo to Salem?

Efforts are underway to bring the WEE disc jockey, travelogue artist Carl DeSuzo to Salem this winter under the sponsorship of the North Salem Methodist Church. Mr. Al Avalon, in charge of arrangements, reports that the most likely dates are January 16 or 30. Efforts are being made to secure the High School Auditorium for the performance.

ANY GOOD BOOKS?

The collection of books in the church library is steadily growing, although the library has yet to have its formal opening.

Mrs. Ralph Tilton, Librarian, has been at work acquiring the necessary equipment to get the library functioning. Library cards, date stamps, book shelves, etc., are now ready. However, there is still need for more good books.

If you have any books which you would be willing to make available for others to read, it is possible to either donate or loan them to the library. Books loaned to the library should have the owners name clearly printed in them, and a note should be made in the library files that they are on loan.

It has been proposed that there be a Book-of-the-Month club formed of persons who resolve to read one book a month.

The pages of this newsletter could be enlivened by comments on books which persons have read. If you find a particularly good book, drop a note to Mrs. Olive Stickney with your comment on the book.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DELAYED

The quarterly financial statements for the second quarter of 1960 were considerably delayed. They report on the months April, May, and June, but will not be received until the end of August.

Although there has been some difference of opinion about the value of these statements, the overwhelming response has been that they are a good thing. It seems that most people are glad to find out where they stand with respect to their pledge, as well as to know that their gifts and been received and properly recorded. It is a big job, and we all owe thanks to the Buson family for their efforts in the mailing.

MYF TO RECONVENE

The first fall meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on September 25th. After the summer adjournment, the group will begin by making plans for its Fall and Winter program, as well as giving the ping pong table a good work out.

The formation of a Junior High Youth Fellowship depends on getting adult leadership.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SET

For the first time in the history of our church, two persons from here will be leaders at the leadership training conference set up by the New Hampshire Board of Education. Mrs. Bertha Stickney will be the instructor of the Primary Teachers at the series of meetings scheduled for Central Methodist Church in Lawrence. Mr. Mallett will lead the group on the MYF.

Preparation for these jobs has involved the reading of several books, the making of lesson outlines, and the submitting of reports for approval by the National Board of Education in Nashville, Tennessee.

PASTOR'S CORNER

WHY ATTEND CHURCH, ANYWAY?

It may be true that some people attend church for the wrong reasons. But it is equally true that many people do not attend church for the wrong reasons!

"I lead a good life. I don't hurt anyone, and I spend a lot of time helping others. Why should I go to church?" goes a familiar comment. And it is a fair question, that deserves an honest answer. Let me do the best I can to answer it.

The worship of God should be the most important part of your life or mine.

To worship God in the company of others is an indispensable part of spiritual growth. You can't grow spiritually without worship any more than you can grow physically without eating.

To worship God is essential to the service of God or man. Helping others can be an escape from your own inner life, and your help may feed only half man's hunger.

A lot of the problems of people in this community stem, as they do everywhere, from immature desires. They spend their energy chasing things that are phony. Or they are pushed around by fears that they do not know how to handle. They have stopped growing spiritually. Whenever this happens to us, we are in for trouble!

Church attendance is no cure-all! But if you have tried a lot of other things and found them to be worthless, then why not seek God in the company of others?

Your pastor,

Stanley J. Hallett

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